

M.R. Benjamin Poch

Objective

Seeking a teaching position in a middle or secondary school teaching English and/or Theatre Arts and Drama. Interested in enhancing an existing or developing a new Theatre Arts program in schools.

Education

2001-2004 University of Washington Seattle, WA

Master in Teaching

Primary teaching endorsements in English and Drama

Washington Residency Teaching Certificate March 2004

1994-1998 Washington State University Pullman, WA

B.A. in Theatre Arts and Drama

Graduated Summa Cum Laude

Named the University Theatre Academic Scholarship recipient 1997

Awarded title University Theatre Outstanding Senior for 1997-1998

Student Teaching Experience

Feb. 2003- Dec. 2003 Bellevue High School Bellevue, WA

Student Teacher

- Taught 11th Grade AP Language, 12th Grade Classics and Shakespeare, Advanced Drama Production, Beginning Drama, Story Theatre, and Stage Technology.
- Developed an integrated learning project in which students researched the connections between a culture and its creation mythology, performed the myths, and presented their research using computer technology.
- Co-Directed and developed a student written production- *Mors Ex Umbrae: The Story of Dracula*. Collaborated with parents and community volunteers on technical aspects of the production.
- Assisted in overseeing both the Philosophy and Drama Clubs.
- Evaluated student writing, assignments, exams, performances, and projects.
- Designed assessments, assignments, lessons, and curriculum plans to meet the needs of a diverse range of learners.

Practicum Experience

Aug- Dec 2002 Matson Junior High – Lindbergh High Kent - Renton, WA

Teaching Assistant – Classroom Observer

- Conducted research case studies concerning student learning in a diverse school setting.
- Studied classroom management and teaching methods employed by multiple teachers in a variety of disciplines.
- Aided teachers by working with individual and small groups of students.

Related Experience

2001-2002 Tukwila School District Tukwila, WA

Operational Manager of Foster Performing Arts Center

- Taught and supervised the student Stage Crew concerning the safe operation of theatrical lighting, sound, communications, and stage equipment as well as the basics of theatrical design.
- Supervised students as they utilized their skills and gained practical experience working on theatrical events, concerts, plays, recitals, and graduations.
- Coordinated a field trip to Seattle Repertory Theatre for students. Students gained first hand knowledge of professional technical theatre.
- Contracted facilities to out of district groups creating revenue for district.
- Responsible for facility scheduling, marketing, public relations, billing, accounts receivable, credit functions, technical consulting, and operations in regard to these clients. Scheduled and performed maintenance of facility and related equipment.

Sept.1998- Jan. 1999 Pullman Alternative High School Pullman, WA

Teaching Assistant (volunteer)

- Aided in developing an improvised performance of Russian fables. Coached and directed student actors, developed improvisational exercises and acted in the production along side students.

Jun.-Aug. 1996 University Theatre- Summer Palace Pullman, WA

Assistant Director of Children's Play

- Assisted in coordinating a series of monologues, scenes and a short play acted out by children from ages 5 to 12. Coached actors.

Selected Work Experience

Mar.-Dec. 2000 Calypso Construction Renton, WA

Assistant Framing Carpenter

- Expanded personal experience and knowledge of framing carpentry. Gained proficiency with construction methods and tools. Responsible for working independently and supervising productivity of other employees.

Jan. 1999- Feb. 2000 Mitzel's American Kitchen Bellingham, WA

Assistant Manager - Supervisor - Waiter

- Responsible for staffing, public relations, ordering, training, general facility maintenance, financial bookkeeping, and restaurant operation.

Jan.1996- May 1998 University Theatre Pullman, WA

Technical Assistant - Performer - Company Liaison - Box Office Cashier

- Assistant director of Summer Palace Children's Production 1996.
- Built theatrical sets, assisted with lighting, and general maintenance. Performed in company productions, elected company liaison due to excellent communication and people skills.

Affiliations and Activities

Board of Directors Washington Alliance for Theatre Education (WATE), Member of Community Actors Summer Theater in Tukwila (CASTT), Member of Panther Lake Elementary PTA. Personal Interests include: Carpentry, Book Clubs, Philosophy, Computers, Painting, Playwriting, Golf, Fishing, Camping, Swing Dancing, and Photography.

